

Region 8 Media Team Update
Week of September 24, 2012

Monday, September 24

Press release on EPA Green Power awards

R8 will amplify national announcement. Renewable Choice Energy of Boulder, Colo. named EPA's Green Power Supplier of the Year. Company is a renewable energy and carbon measurement, management, and offset firm, and for more than a decade has been a top green power supplier.

Wednesday, September 26

EPA will release "Phase 5" water sampling data from Pavillion, Wyoming groundwater investigation. EPA's data release will be concurrent with release of data from USGS. Region coordinating with HQ on communications strategy.

Week of October 1 (Pending filing)

Press release on Clean Air Act settlement with Elm Ridge Exploratory on Southern Ute Reservation

Agreement requires the company to pay \$207,150 in civil penalties and replace existing compressor engines with lower emitting engines and pollution control equipment, administer a wood stove change-out program with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and implement another project that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve natural gas at the Ignacio Gas Treating Plant on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

Friday, October 5

Media event and tour in Carbondale, Colo. RA Jim Martin will tour the Carbondale Wastewater Treatment Facility to see energy efficiency improvements. The plant also was one of the first plants to pilot EPA's energy management planning guidebook, part of Region 8's Energy Management Initiative and Partnership with wastewater and drinking water utilities.

Friday, October 5

RA Jim Martin will attend an awards ceremony in Glenwood Springs, Colo. Garfield Clean Energy - a regional coalition of municipalities - will be hosting their first Innovations Awards Ceremony. RA Jim Martin will present the Energy and Economic Savings in Public Infrastructure award to a wastewater treatment plant in Carbondale. Former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter will keynote the ceremony.

News Coverage highlights from last week

Significant coverage of World Water Monitoring Day event in the Denver Post and 9 News.

Significant coverage of EPA enforcement settlement with Kinder Morgan LLC for Clean Air Act violations at gas plants in Caper and Douglas, Wyoming.